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DIVISION MENTAL HEALTH AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES NEWS

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FEE-FOR-SERVICE

The purchase of service contracting system, implemented in July 1981, is progressing well after nine full months of operation. This system was devloped as a method for the Department of Institutions to purchase specified mental health services from the five regional mental health centers. In previous years, general fund state dollars had been allocated with minimum qualifying criteria. The services funded are: emergency, day treatment, residential, inpatient and outpatient for clients diagnosed as moderately or severely mentally ill. The purchase of service contracting system was designed to provide accountability and auditability for the state dollars spent on community mental health services, as well as focus services on those areas of highest priority. In addition, the system provides a means for measuring productivity and efficiency.

Since the system is still in its infancy, it is not without problems as revealed in the audits conducted after the first six months of operation by divisions workers and center business managers. Audit team members have found the audit to be a valuable learning experience in itself. The audit teams, finding that the centers do not record all services the same, recommended that service definitions be written to more accurately reflect the services provided. In addition to revamping service definitions, the audit teams recommended that common intake and daily client contact forms be developed and implemented so that all centers will have common source documents. These measures should minimize the possibility for misinterpretation of service definitions.

The Department and the centers recently renegotiated contracts based on the first six month's performance. The Department introduced a plan to provide incentive for the centers to increase collections from other sources. The centers were quite receptive to the new plan as well as a proposed plan to initiate standard rates for services. Budgeting for fiscal year 1983 has begun with negotiations scheduled for June.

Some observed effects of the fee for service system are; centers establishing producitivity goals with clinicians, centers emphasizing increased collections from clients and third party payers, centers establishing efficiency measures to provide more services at current level costs or reduced costs. The centers can be justifiably proud of their accomplishments in this endeavor. Hopefully as the system evolves, and it is an evolutionary process, the center will be able to determine even more efficient ways of providing services to those in need and generate additional revenues to achieve more of the internal goals and objectives that are important to them.

Federal News

A. The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced that Section 202 Housing for the Elderly and Handicapped with a current appropriation of $680,000,000 is now available to states and local communities and may be used for meeting housing needs of the chronically mentally ill.

B. The National Institute of Mental Health has awarded the Department of Institutions $60,000 from March 1982 to December 1982 to maintain a Community Support System presence in Montana. This has been allocated to the five community mental health centers to maintain and improve community support services to the chronically mentally ill.

New Newsletter

This is the first issue of the Mental Health and Reisdential Services Division's quarterly newsletter. Its predecessor, the **Community Support News** was well received but it was felt that a broader focus would be helpful in promoting collaboration between units of the mental health system and other human service providers, consumers and interested citizens. Your opinions and comments are solicited for future editions. Please contact Philip Powers, 1539 11th Avenue, Helena, MT., 59620; Phone 449-3964.

Manpower

The Mental Health Staff Development Committee was formed in July 1981 by 10 agencies interested in joint planning and financing of mental health training. It comprises Regions I, II, III, IV and V mental health centers, Yellowstone Boys Ranch, Warm Springs State Hospital, Indian Health Services, Montana United Indian Association and Family Teaching Center. The following list of planned educational conferences is the best information available as of April 23, 1982.

May 17-18 April 26-27	Family Therapy Linda Williams Presentor	Glasgow Havre	MT Staff Develop Comm. Contact: Margene Tower, IHS 652-6172 Kay Dorr 228-9349
May 19	Organic Brain Syndrome Resulting from Alcohol & Drug Abuse Gary Jorgenson U of Utah	Gt. Falls	MH Staff Develop Comm. Contact: Evan Crandall 727-2991
May 20	Organic Brain Syndrome Resulting from Alcohol & Drug Abuse Gary Jorgenson U of Utah	Helena	MH Staff Develop Comm. Contact: Jim Scott 442-0310
May 21	Organic Brain Syndrome Resulting from Alcohol & Drug Abuse Gary Jorgenson U of Utah	Billings	MH Staff Develop Comm. Contact: John Taylor 252-5658
June 23	Diag-Treatment of Emotionally Disturbed Child Dick Rosenleaf	Helena	MH Staff Develop Comm. Cont: Jim Scott 442-0310
June 24	Diag-Treatment of Emotionally Disturbed Child Dick Rosenleaf	Miles City	MH Staff Develop Comm. Cont. Tom Peterson 232-1687

Capitol Capsule

Placement of female offenders at a remodeled building at Warm Springs State Hospital will begin June 1.

Don Moore has been appointed permanent Director of the Manpower Unit with the Mental Health and Residential Services Division and is actively recruiting for a program manager, grade 16.

Jack Casey has resigned as hopsital administrator in the Mental Health and Residential Services Division to accept the position of Administrator of Sunrise Ranch, a newly organized Primary Treatment Center for Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency in Helena.

"How to Survive Unemployment" a special one hour film produced by the Helena Chapter of the Mental Health Association will be aired on Channel 12 TV on May 17 at 6:00 p.m.

The new 60 bed children's treatment center in Billings will replace the present Children's Unit at Warm Springs State Hospital. The estimated cost of construction is $2,626,000 to be financed by the State of Montana Long Range Building Fund through a 15 year bond issue. Construction will begin in 1982 with an estimated completion date of June 30, 1984. The mission for this residential facility is to provide long term educational and therapeutic services for male and female youths between the ages of 6 and 18 who have serious mental and emotional disorders.

The Department of Institutions is instituting a Professional Standards Review process with the community mental health centers to audit the clinical content of case records. Clinicians from three centers, Regions II, III and IV, will join Dan Anderson from the Mental Health & Residential Services Division in April to review the records of Region I. Among the items reviewed will be diagnosis and treatment plan implementation. This process will afford a more intensive and objective analysis of the clinical process than was possible in the more generic annual site visit and demonstrate that the services are cost effective. A similar process will be employed with the other four centers in May and June.

From the Field

Region I
Eastern Community
Mental Health Center

A current budget crisis has forced the center to reevaluate its priorities.

This has led to the Center's developing new programs in group therapy and/or partial hospitalization at Circle, Culbertson, Wolf Point and Scobey.

Region II
Northcentral Montana
Community Mental Health Center

The RITZ (Residential Intermediate Treatment Zone) is planning to close in September, 1982 due to closure of the present building. The Department of Institutions has solicited proposals from the other CMHCs for continuing the RITZ program.

TV Stations KFBB aired a one-hour news story on the alternative services program with special emphasis on the New Directions psychosocial rehabilitation program.

Collections from third party sources were at a record high in March and have been averaging $43,000 per month.

Region III
South Central Montana
Community Mental Health Center

A citizens' workshop "Shuffled Parents — Shuffled Kids" was held in Billings in March. Jointly sponsored by the Junior League, Mental Health Association and the Community Mental Health Center, a grant from the Montana Committee for the Humanities helped present a program that involved 175 participants.

A new evening program aimed at chemically dependent clients and family members has been initiated. It is scheduled for 5 days a week from 6 - 10 for four months as a alternative to residential care.

The Center plans to conduct a six-day summer camp experience in June 1982 for 75 youths from grades 5-7 as a deterrent to drug abuse.

Region IV
Southwest Montana
Community Mental Health Center

At least one staff member of the Center will be entered in the 26 mile marathon of the Governor's Cup Races in Helena in June.

With Dr. Floyd Stancliffe, Regional Clinical Director, leaving for Wyoming's Veterans' Administration Psychiatric Hospital, Dr. William VanDuyn has assumed this responsibilty.

Mental Health Consultation contracts have been signed with the State Prison at Deer Lodge, the Job Corps in Butte, the Law Enforcement Academy in Bozeman and the school system in White Sulphur Springs.

Plans are being made to conduct a summer camp August 23-25 at YMCA Camp Child in Elliston for 75 people experiencing mental illness. Similar to the skills tournament held in Great Falls in March, this meeting will focus on social skills and physical education as a step in psychosocial rehabilitation.

Region V
Western Montana
Community Mental Health Center

Lt. Governor George Turman met with the Governing Board in March to discuss comprehensive mental health treatment.

Plans are being made to develop a full psychosocial rehabilitation program in Kalispell and open a 24-hour supervised group home in Missoula.

The Center is developing plans to respond to Western Montana's economic plight. With lumber mills closing, unemployment on the rise (36% in Lincoln County in March), housing starts reduced and the welfare loads increasing, close attention is being given to the mental health effects of economic deprivation.

Warm Springs State Hospital

Mr. Thomas Sellars has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Warm Springs/ Galen State Hospital. Mr. Sellars is currently the Associate Executive Director of a private, non-profit rehabilitation facility for emotionally disturbed youth located in Winchester, Virginia. Prior to his employment at Winchester in 1979, he was Administrator of Blue Ridge Sanitorium, a 262-bed tuberculosis hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Mr. Sellars is 39 years old, married and has three children. He received a B.A. in Psychology from the College of William and Mary and a Masters in Hospital Administration from the Medical College of Virginia.

Mr. Sellars will assume his duties on May 1.

Center For The Aged

Ruth Viertel, Director of Nursing and an employee at the Center for the past 29 years, is retiring in June 1. She helped uncrate furniture at the facility's opening and has developed many programmatic changes since. Anne Gagne, charge nurse at the psychiatric-geratric unit of Saginaw Community Hospital, Saginaw, Michigan will replace her. Mrs. Gagne received her M.A. in Nursing Education and Administration at the University of Detroit in 1976. She is the mother of 3 children, one of whom, practices pediatrics in Livingston, Montana.

Kudo Korner

Winners of the Mental Health Awards for the year 1980 have been announced jointly by the Mental Health Association, the Council of Community Mental Health Center Governing Boards and the Department of Institutions.

Recipients of the awards, which were presented in Billings at the Mental Health Association workshop on April 2, are:

Outstanding Program - Alternative Services Program of the Northcentral Montana Community Mental Health Center in Great Falls.

This program has served clients in Great Falls since 1975. Its purpose is to provide treatment and rehabilitation services for the mentally ill in the community.

Outstanding Governing Board Member - William S. Warfield, IV.

Bill Warfield has been a member of the Southwest Montana Community Mental Health Center governing board as a representative from Park County since 1977. He is presently chairman of that board and is past chairman of the Council of Governing Boards.

Outstanding Direct Service Volunteer - Audrey Gibson, Billings.

During 1981, Audrey logged over 570 hours of volunteer work for the South Central Montana Commnuity Mental Health Center. She is a volunteer case manager in older adult services. She has helped to train new volunteers and has appeared on television to promote the mental health center.

Outstanding Direct Service Provider - Peter Bruno of the Eastern Montana Community Mental Health Center in Miles City.

Peter has served the communities of Forsyth, Lame Deer, Ashland and Colstrip. He is president of Montanans for Children, Youth and Families and was a representative to the White House Conference on Children and Families.

Outstanding Administrative Staff Person - This year two awards were given.

Margaret Crowley, Business Manager of Western Montana Community Mental Health Center in Missoula has worked hard during the past year to implement more effective fee collctions and a uniform accounting manual for CMHCs. She has been employed at the Western Montana CMHC since 1977.

Diane Taylor is Administrative Assistant to the Director of the South Central Montana Community Mental Health Center in Billings. She started at the Center in 1973 as appointment secretary and has grown by accepting varied increased responsibility over the years. She is editor of the "Spindle", the center's bi-monthly newsletter.

Studies

Contracts have been made by the Department of Institutions for studies of the following subjects. Final reports are due on June 30, 1982.

1. Mental Illness in Nursing Homes - Awarded to C. T. Canterbury Consulting Services.
2. Paraprofessional Utilization in Mental Health Field - Awarded to C. T. Canterbury Consulting Services.
3. Professional Persons Certification Process - Awarded to Counseling and Educational Development Services.
4. Study of Mental Health Case Management - Awarded to Western Analysis.

In Addition, requests for proposals have been issued on the following subjects:

(a) Intermediate Treatment Center For Children
(b) Staffing needs at Warm Springs State Hospital.

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Capital Capsule

Two studies have been completed for the Department of Institutions by C. T. Canterbury Associates: "Paraprofessionals in the Montana Mental Health System" and "The Mentally Ill in Montana Nursing Homes". These reports will be the basis for further planning in these two areas. Copies are available for those interested from the State Library or the Mental Health and Residential Services Division.

With the closing of the RITZ in Great Falls, and with a reduction in funding from the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, the Department of Institutions is considering the feasibility of issuing an R.F.P. for service to those troubled youth who fell between residential care and once a week out patient service. Needed is a viable community residential program that can be an alternative to institutional placement for troubled youth; one that has the capability of careful focus on the child's individual needs, offers a continuum of levels of teatment, is cost-effective and is available and accessible to the child's family, thus facilitating ongoing work with the family.

The architectural plans for the new 60 bed children's residential treatment center are nearing completion and should be completed by October 4 with bids being let on November 17, 1982. Present plans provide for care and treatment of children aged 12-18. The Health Systems Agency and the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences have approved the certificate of need request.

William Elliott whose background is in elementary education and formerly with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, has joined the Manpower Unit as a program manager. Peter Blouke has rejoined the Mental Health and Residential Services Division as a mental health planner and is presently serving as temporary superintendent of the Center for the Aged.

Philp Powers has been appointed chapter chairman of the Region VIII International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (IAPSRS) covering the six states of Montana, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota. IAPSRS was formed in 1975 to help advance the scope and quality of community-oriented services for the mentally disabled. Membership is available to providers and agencies who serve psychiatrically disabled adults by offering social/recreational, vocational, residential, educational and/or personal adjustment services.

Contract negotiations have been completed with the mental health centers for FY83. The total amount of the contracts is $6,243,841. This amount will be funded with State General Fund, federal block grant funds and Medicaid and will be distributed via the fee-for-service system.

Kudo Korner

Normally, kudos are bestowed upon a person or a program but in this issue the Newsletter wants to respond to a whole community — Stevensville. This town with a population of 1,200 opened its heart to Genesis House, a residential group home for the mentally recovering in 1976 and has been providing voluntary services to this facility ever since. With a cadre of 234 volunteers to provide such services as transportation, education, socialization, work training and jobs, it seems at times as though the whole community is sponsoring and participating in this project. The news media sometimes headline examples of stigma, such as neighborhoods denying a group home for the handicapped, so that it is a real pleasure to take recognition of a small community that has really opened its arms and pocket books to accommodate and welcome a small group of mentally recovering people. That these services have helped can be seen in the recent report from Genesis House that the recidivism rate (that is the number of members readmitted to WSSH) is only 20%, an extremely low figure. The house has accommodated 66 women since it started, with the usual length of stay being 6 months. The best description of Genesis House comes from one of its members as quoted from a recent issue of the River House News.

> "The Genesis House is a place for women with emotional problems. We share bedrooms, 3 to a room. We will be redecorating our rooms soon. We all share cooking and cleaning the house. We have ceramics on Thursday afternoons. We make plant pots to sell for money. The house lets us date locally and gives us movie money. They also supply shampoo, cream rinse, tooth brushes, soap, a lot of things if we need them. Whenever it's our birthday we can have whatever we want to eat and have a celebration. We work out at Life Line to give us a little extra money. The house also gives us a 30 dollar check each month and we keep budget sheets on how much we spend. The Genesis House has helped me a lot, I thank the Lord every day for letting me have this chance to change my life for the better."

Quote Of The Day

From: Estroff, S: "The Next Stop: Self Help"; Hospital & Community Psychiatry. 33:609. 1982.

"The time has come to take some deep breaths and explore bolder treatment modalities. Specifically, it is time to make good on the often forgotten but fundamental premise and promise of deinstitutionalization — the realignment of power, control, and responsibility among the givers and receivers of treatment. In the rush toward architectural (as opposed to sociological) deinstitutionalization, we have failed to change the interpersonal and social structure of treatment. Effecting that change is perhaps the most important task before us. In my opinion, self-help is not only the most promising and innovative aspect of current work, it represents an imperative dictated by the original rationale for deinstitutionalization.

Organized self-help has not, on the whole, been taken seriously in psychiatric treatment, except of course in the ever-present muttering about patients having to motivate themselves to change. Compared with Alcoholics Anonymous, for example, which is often an integral part of both inpatient and outpatient treatment for alcoholism, psychiatric self-help usually is not seen as a legitimate option. Clinicians have often regarded self-help groups as hotbeds of resistance to treatment (that is, the control of the clinician) and as hardly more than group manifestations of pathology or lack of insight on the part of patients.

Self-help, as I understand it, means supporting patients in a consistent and caring way as they take control of and responsibility for their own lives and treatment. More concretely, self-help means that the recipients of care also give care. They help each other through crisis, participate in hiring and firing staff, make policy and program changes, write grant proposals, and take some credit for program successes. It means trusting patients' judgment even when we are skeptical, acknowledging their need and right to make choices and mistakes, and their abilities to succeed in their own way and at their own pace.

Self help does not mean neglect or indifference. It does not mean that no one should take medication or work with a therapist. It means the forging of a genuine, not an artificial, partnership in order to solve complex and painful problems. I suspect that because self-help involves the direct confrontation of the staff's needs to be depended on and to be in control, it will be a much more difficult exploration for staff than for patients."

Position Opening

PSYCHIATRIST — We still offer a free lunch, and a truly unusual opportunity for you to contribute. Two hospitals have recently merged. This is not just another State Hospital, but a rare situation to make the best salary and significant contributions to patient care, medical staff organization and administration in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. We are really working to improve patient care in Montana — JOIN US! Contact: Dr. Myron Meinhardt, Medical Director, Warm Springs/Galen State Hospital, Warm Springs, MT 59756; (406) 693-2221. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Manpower

A planning committee composed of Nancy Adams, Beverly Murray, Margaret English, William Elliott and Philip Powers met in August to develop a two-day workshop on Volunteers which will be held on October 25 and 26 in Great Falls. Content of the workshop will be focused on developing and improving volunteer programs.

Dr. David Cutler, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Oregon, will perform an in-service training seminar for Indian Health Service in Billings on September 13. His subject is development of community mental health services on reservations.

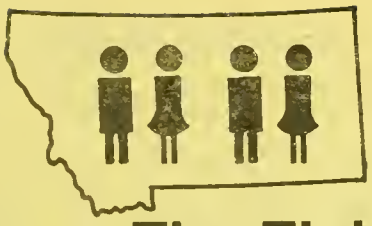
A statewide rural mental health service delivery workshop is being considered for the winter/spring. Those interested in serving on the planning committee, please call William Elliott at 449-3964 in Helena.

On June 24 an R.F.P. was issued by the Manpower Unit soliciting requests for staff exchanges. The deadline for response to this request has been moved to October 1. Anyone interested can call or write the Manpower office. Although originally aimed at state hospital — CMHC communication, focus has now been broadened to include all segments of the mental health system who could benefit from a 2- to 5-day site visit exchange.

The fifth year of federal funding for Montana's Manpower Unit has been received. $160,000 grant is available for use between July 1, 1982 and June 30, 1983. This will probably be the last year for this program. Top priorities for this year will be children and the long term mentally disabled with the elderly, Native Americans and forensic issues also a major focus. See pp: 43-49 for the report "Fifth Year Manpower Goals and Objectives" for more specifics.

The mental health staff development calendar of coming training events:

Date	Program	Place	Contact Person/Sponsor
9/8-9/11	MT Health Care Assoc. Annual meeting	Great Falls	Rose Skoog — MT Health Care Assn. Helena — 443-2876
9/21-23	Virginia Satir on Families in the 80's	Great Falls	NASW — MT chapter Andree Deligdish Gt Falls — 727-2991
9/29	Suicide Prevention Marv. Miller	EMC Campus Billings	SCMMHC — Maureen Jewell Blgs — 657-2254
9/30-10/1	D. D. Conference	Bozeman	Dan Anderson Helena — 449-3964
10/4-10/6	Provider/Higher Educ. Conference on CMI	Loveland Colorado	Don Moore Helena — 449-3964
10/25, 26	Volunteer Service	Great Falls	William Elliott Helena — 449-3964



From The Field

Institutions

Center For The Aged

Gerald Butcher will become the superintendent of the Center For The Aged on November 1, 1982. At present he is superintendent of Eastmont Training Center. Married and the father of four children, he has been employed by the Department of Institutions since June 1968.

Veteran's Home

Plans are being consolidated to repeat the popular community interaction program of last fall when seven residents of the home volunteered 1-2 days per week to serve as teacher assistants in the local elementary schools.

Architectural plans are completed for 50 additional beds and an October start up construction is anticipated. When completed a total of 151 beds will be in use, with 85 devoted to personal care and 66 to the skilled and intermediate nursing levels.

Warm Springs State Hospital

The consolidation of Warm Springs State Hospital and Galen into a single administration is proceeding. To date laboratory, laundry, contracted medical and environmental services have been integrated. Personnel and finance services are consolidated and work is going on to affect close collaborative actions in other administrative functions.

Community Mental Health Centers

Eastern Montana Mental Health Center

The Clark Street Inn has increased its bed capacity from 8 to 15 by moving down one floor in the newly renovated annex to Holy Rosary Hospital, Miles City. The Glasgow area office moved to 1009 6th Avenue North on September 1, 1982. Donald LaPlante has succeeded Larry Olson as supervisor of the Glendive area office.

North Central Montana Health Center

With the closing of the RITZ, 5 staff members of the Youth and Family Division moved their desks to the main office at Holiday Village on July 6 and 5 Alternative Services staff, in turn, moved to New Directions psychosocial rehabilitation center on 1015 1st Avenue N.

Ian Steel has been invited to present a paper on Temporary Employment Positions as a function of vocational rehabilitation at a rehabilitation meeting in Montana in October. Ken Kleven traveled to Idaho in September to talk to community mental health service providers on treatment of the chronically mentally ill. Thirty-eight members of the Clubhouse earned money to take them for a one week vacation at Salmon Lake in the Seeley-Swan area of Montana.

South Central Montana Mental Health Center

A one day workshop, directed at the general workforce, is scheduled for September: "Anger and Depression — how to identify and manage at work". Dr. Luther Powell of Billings has been appointed to the Center Board of Directors. A farewell luncheon was held on August 27 for Clyde Cromwell and John Leuthold who, together, logged in more than 16 years of volunteer services on the Center's governing board. Their contribution to mental health has been monumental.

The inpatient psychiatric unit at 2 North of Deaconness Hospital has been at full capacity now for some months and has a large number of patients in their early 20's. Rainbow House, with over 50 individuals registered, is finding its work units an exciting experience for both staff and members.

Southwest Montana Mental Health Center

Three hundred twenty volunteer hours were contributed to Montana House in Helena during June and a recognition dinner was held in July for 16 volunteers as David Briggs, Center Director expressed his appreciation of their efforts.

Contracts have been signed with the Veterans Administration and Department of Institutions to provide counselling services to Vietnam veterans and diagnostic treatment services to inmates at the new women's correctional facility at WSSH. A new sex offender treatment program in Helena has been developed in collaboration with the district court. A $1,900 equipment grant from Burlington Northern helped get this service functioning. The Livingston Office has developed a treatment program for victims of sexual abuse.

Western Montana Mental Health Center

A new position in Mineral County has been created, an alcohol-mental health worker. Funded through the mental health center and the Regional Chemical Dependency Programs Inc. of Missoula, this position is responsible to both agencies and will work with both mental health and alcohol problems.

The Center governing board approved a budget of $1,599,000 for FY '83. With this level of funding, prioritized needs can be met and current programs maintained.

Lamplighter House in Kalispell, a psychosocial rehabilitation unit offering the clubhouse model to the mentally ill opened its doors in May. Bridge House in Missoula, a group home providing residential care for eight long-term mentally disabled people, opened in June.

Other

Mutual Support Groups

The Helena and Great Falls Alliance For The Mentally Ill support groups have temporarily terminated meetings for the summer but the Missoula chapter has continued its meetings with picnic get togethers, family style. The Chapter is working on TV, newspaper and radio public service announcements as well as closely following the current threats to S.S.I. entitlements. The national office of Alliance to the Mentally Ill (AMI) recommends the following 2 books:

1. "The Caring Family" by Benjamin, Lavine and Bede, 1982, Random House — offers information, guidance and support to family members of the mentally disabled.
2. "Families In Pain" by Vine, Phyllis, 1982, Pantheon — practical tips, in simple language on medication, diagnosis, hospitalization, involuntary and civil commitment procedures, etc.

Recovery, Inc. is conducting a leadership training conference in September for leaders from chapters in Billings, Butte, Helena and Spear Fish, South Dakota.

Ethnic Minorities

The Blackfeet Service Unit of the Indian Health Service has been selected to participate in a 9 state evaluation research project that will study depression and develop an evaluative instrument for affective disorders.

Negotiations are underway between the Department of Institutions and Indian Health Service for the Rocky Boy Service Unit to demonstrate the feasibility of a new commitment procedure for reservation Native Americans.

Reviews

Monograph

"PLANNING FOR DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION: A REVIEW OF PRINCIPLES, METHODS, AND APPLICATIONS" — edited by Irvin D. Rutman, Ph.D.; Project share, 1981, 144 pages, paperbound. Single copies available free while the supply lasts from Project Share, Box 2309, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

For some time now, deinstitutionalization has drastically affected the methods of treating mentally disabled individuals as well as the funding, staffing, and legislative procedures associated with mental health services. This monograph provides detailed discussions of principles and methodologies that are central to effective services programming. Thus it is intended to aid those who are responsible for providing or designing community-based care. Various chapters focus on funding sources for deinstitutionalization services; trends in manpower training and development; strategies for achieving greater public acceptance of deinstitutionalization programs; and approaches to identifying, quantifying, and assessing needs of various populations who might benefit from community based services. Several of the authors are affiliated with Horizon House Institute in Philadelphia.

Report

According to a recent report by the General Accounting Office (GAO), patients entering nursing homes over the past several years are increasingly dependent and disabled. The report suggests this trend is likely to continue, implying a need for more extensive, and potentially more costly, care in the future. The report shows that the percentage of nursing home residents rated dependent on the basis of 6 activities of daily living grew from 14 percent in 1973 to 23 percent in 1977. One factor contributing to this trend is simply that the number of individuals 65 and older — and in particular, those 85 and older — will continue to increase at a faster rate than the U.S. population in general.

The GAO report also discusses the difficulties states are facing in paying for the escalating costs of nursing home care. For one free copy of the report entitled Preliminary Findings on Patient Characteristics and State Medicaid Expenditures for Nursing Home Care, write to: GAO, P. O. Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20760.

Journal

"Defining and Counting the Chronically Mentally Ill", Howard H. Goldman, et al; in Hospital and Community Psychiatry; January, 1981, Vol. 32 (1) pp. 21-27.

This study attempts to answer the questions of who are the chronically mentally ill and how many there are.

"Fears About the Development of a Group Home;" Donald Maypole; In Administration in Mental Health, Fall 1981, Vol. 9 (1), pp. 67-75.

This study describes the effects of a group home on its neighborhood along three dimensions — criminal behavior of the residents, traffic problems and adjacent property values.

"Networks of Informal Support;" in Canada's Mental Health, March 1981, Vol. 29.

This special issue discusses the contribution informal support systems can make to community mental health.

Federal News

HR6181 the disability amendment has been withdrawn. This bill which would have terminated S.S.I. for many disabled people was objected to by a wide number of groups and individuals. In the meantime, in the Senate, a number of bills have been introduced to assist disabled persons by improving the disability review system.

The House and Senate have approved adding 10 million to the federal budget for mental health, alcohol and drug abuse research in FY '82.

Block grant requests for mental health funding have been submitted for Montana's second year of this program starting October 1, 1982. It is expected that by September 30, 1982, $292,155 will have been expended of the first year's grant, leaving $514,356 to be carried over. As some categorical federal funds were still available for use in the first year, it was felt advisable to carry over first year block grant money into Federal fiscal year '83. The amount authorized for this second year is not known at this time but it probably will be similar to the amount available for the first year.

The Omnibus Reconciliation Act calls for providing grants to community mental health centers who provide services for the chronically mentally ill, seriously mentally disturbed children and adolescents, mentally ill elderly and underserved population.

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Capital Capsule

Once again, the Mental Health and Residential Services Division has had a reduction-in-force. Philip Powers' position with the Department of Institutions was terminated on September 30, 1982. Phil had been with the state for ten years and made many friends across the State of Montana and the United States. He worked as community consultant in the Division of Mental Hygiene when he came to Montana in 1972. He was also Chief of the Bureau of Mental Health and most recently was State Coordinator of the Montana Community Support Project. Phil's many contributions to the field of mental health, and especially to the chronically mentally ill, were acknowledged at a luncheon in his honor in September. You will be missed, Phil!

The Interstate Compact and Community Support Project duties formerly handled by Phil have been assumed by Peter Blouke.

Staff Exchange Program

As a result of the staff exchange program sponsored by the Manpower Program, community mental health center staff from Livingston, Butte, Helena and Miles City have visited Warm Springs/Galen State Hospital during the past six weeks. Four staff members from Montana Center for the Aged have also visited Warm Springs, with eight more scheduled for visits in the next six months.

Warm Springs staff are also taking advantage of the exchange opportunity. Four Warm Springs staff visited Pine Hills and Yellowstone Boys' and Girls' Ranch. Another employee is planning to visit youth group homes in several cities. Several Warm Springs staff people will also spend a few days at the Center for the Aged in Lewistown.

Case Management Study

Western Analysis of Helena has submitted to the Mental Health and Residential Services Division a final report of their "Study of Case Management Practices in Community Mental Health Centers." The study found that case management practices in Montana community mental health centers are "well within the norms suggested by the professional literature and practices in other states." The study found that problems of community mental health centers in Montana and elsewhere were related to limited money, staff and time. Community mental health centers also found difficulty in the lack of clarity in definitions, priorities and guidelines concerning case management.

Twelve recommendations came out of the study, a copy of which is available to interested persons who contact the Mental Health and Residential Services Division.

Care and Professional Treatment Homes

A contract has been awarded to Volunteers of America to recruit, screen, hire and train couples to serve as treatment parents in care and professional treatment homes in Missoula County for at least sixteen of Montana's moderately disturbed children and youth. The project is already in progress and the first eight parents will be prepared to serve in this role by March 1, 1983. The first eight homes will serve children, aged twelve or under, provided there are sufficient referrals of such children.

PROFESSIONAL PERSON CERTIFICATION

The procedure for certifying mental health and developmental disabilities professional persons has been a topic of interest to many people working in programs funded through the Mental Health and Residential Services Division. The mental health and developmental disabilities "commitment acts" (Chapters 20 and 21 of Title 53, Montana Code Annotated) both contain reference to "professional persons" who are given a great deal of authority and responsibility in making recommendations and decisions regarding treatment and involuntary commitment.

A developmental disabilities professional person is defined by state law as a medical doctor or a person trained in developmental disabilities and certified by the Department of Institutions or the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). A mental health professional person is a medical doctor or a person trained in mental health and certified by the Department of Institutions. To implement the certification process, the Departments of Institutions and SRS jointly agreed to an administrative rule (Section 46.8.701-704 Administrative Rules of Montana) which defines the qualifications necessary for certification, outlines application and appeal procedures, and establishes a Certification Committee to rule on applications.

The Committee consists of five members: two appointed by the Director of the Department of Institutions, two appointed

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by the Director of the Department of SRS. and one, the chairman, appointed by the Governor.

The administrative rule contains the following minimum requirements for certification:

Mental Health

1. Licensed psychologist plus evidence of appropriate experience at the Committee's discretion; or
2. Master's degree in a clinical field of psychology plus at least one year of experience delivering services in a mental health setting; or
3. Master's degree in guidance and counseling plus at least one year of experience delivering services in a mental health setting; or
4. Registered nurse, preferably with a bachelor's degree in nursing plus at least three years of nursing experience providing service in a mental health setting; or
5. Master's degree in social work from a program providing training in the treatment of mental disorders plus at least one year of experience delivering services in a mental health setting. (Membership in the Academy of Certified Social Workers may be substituted for education or experience requirement).

Developmental Disabilities

1. Licensed psychologist plus evidence of appropriate experience at the Committee's discretion; or
2. Doctorate in psychology plus evidence of appropriate experience; or
3. Master's degree in Psychology plus one year of experience in a DD program setting; or
4. Bachelor's degree in psychology plus three years of experience under the direct supervision of a professional person or a person eligible for certification; or
5. Membership in the Academy of Certified Social Workers plus evidence of appropirate experience at the Committee's discretion; or
6. Master's degree in social work plus one year of experience in a developmental disabilities setting; or
7. Bachelor's degree in Social Work plus three years experience under the direct supervision of a professional person eligible for certification; or
8. Doctorate in special education and evidence of appropriate experience; or
9. Master's degree in special education plus one year of experience in a developmental disabilities setting; or
10. Bachelor's degree in special education plus three years of experience under the direct supervision of a professional person eligible for certification; or
11. Bachelor's degree in rehabilitation, physical therapy or occupational therapy plus at least three years of experience under the direct supervision of a professional person eligible for certification.

The committee has the authority to substitute experience for educational qualifications if the committee believes that the applicant's experience is sufficient to enable him or her to carry out the responsibilities of a professional person.

The administrative rule allows the committee to grant "permanent" or provisional certification. The rule also allows, however, periodic review of permanent certifications. Currently, the committee is certifying professional persons for a three year period of time.

The committee is required to meet within 90 days of receipt of a completed application package. Current practice is to meet nearly every month. At each meeting, members of the committee review application materials containing documentation of educational and experiential background as well as reference information from individuals with whom the applicant has worked.

The committee must determine, within the guidelines of the administrative rule, whether or not the applicant has the knowledge and skills necessary to carry out the responsibilities described in Chapter 20 or 21 of Title 53. These responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- determining whether or not a person is mentally ill or developmentally disabled
- determining whether a person is a danger to himself or others and therefore in need of involuntary commitment to an institution
- determining the necessity for emergency detainment of a mentally ill or developmentally disabled person
- understanding the full range of DD and mental health programs in the state so that persons are not unnecessarily institutionalized
- understanding and protecting the rights of persons who are in institutions
- determining when rights and privileges in an institution must be restricted in order to further a resident's treatment program or as a protection to the resident or others
- supervising the treatment/habilitation plans of institutionalized persons
- supervising the use of restraints and seclusion in institutions
- determining appropriate aftercare services and placements for persons leaving institutions

Because a professional person is called upon to make these kinds of decisions which have a very profound impact on the lives of mentally ill and developmentally disabled persons, the committee takes very seriously its responsibility to ensure that only those persons who are able to competently exercise this authority are certified. There are currently 174 persons certified as mental health professionals, 39 certified as developmental disability professionals, and 9 are certified for combined status.

Current certification committee members are Janice Frisch and Mike Muszkiewicz at the Department of SRS. David Briggs newly appointed member from Southwest Montana Mental Health Center and Don Moore at the Department of Institutions. Dan Anderson, Department of Institutions, has been appointed chairman. Those needing information or application materials can contact the committee at:

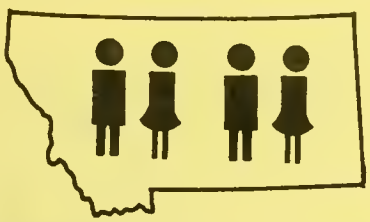
Professional Person Certification Committee
Department of Institutions
1539 11th Avenue
Helena, MT 59620
Telephone: 449-3964

Kudo Korner

This issue is devoted to Peter Bruno, a psychologist in Region I serving Forsyth and Ashland. Until recently, he also carried Lame Deer. He has been with Region I since January 23, 1979. Pete is a very efficient, productive and involved professional and his work performance has been truly exemplary. His most outstanding quality is his deep sense of commitment and love for his fellow human being. This commitment and caring is reflected in his outside activities, as well as his work performance. He is the President of Montanans for Children, Youth and Families, Inc. This group had a large part in putting together the Montana Governor's White House Conference on Children and Youth last winter. The conference was a success and Pete was a key figure in making this a reality. Montana, as well as the nation, has benefitted and will continue to benefit from his leadership in such endeavors.

Pete worked from 1974 to 1977 as an addictive disease counselor at Galen State Hospital. While there he provided individual, group and milieu counseling as well as screening and treatment planning. From 1977 to 1978 he was a teaching assistant at Montana State University, supervising students going through counseling training. From 1979 to the present he has been an outstanding satellite office professional and an exemplary therapist addressing a wide range of mental health issues. He engages in individual, couples, crisis intervention and psychological evaluations for patients. He also consults with schools, social agencies and the medical doctors in the community and is frequently called upon by personnel at Lame Deer for psychological evaluations and consultations at the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health Clinic. Finally, he runs a day treatment program for the chronically mentally ill in his one man satellite office.

Keep up the good work, Pete!



From The Field

Institutions

Boulder River School & Hospital

The Seventh Annual Employees' Years of Service Awards Coffee was held at Boulder River School and Hospital on November 18, 1982. Certificates of Appreciation for Continuous Years of Service were presented to employees having one year of service or more. Individuals having 25 years or more are as follows: Whalon Gill, Wayne McFarlane, Phyllis Saxbury, Mercedes Stiegler and Ruth Sever. Employees with 20 to 24 years of service are: Don Sever, Don Powell, Ruth Fadness, Harold Craft, Richard Heard and Ralph Pearce. Margaret Keating, Nina Powell, Bill Shoquist, Felma Herseim, John Maxwell, Mary Tekavec, Dick Wareham, Mae Anderson, Robert Heide, Dick Sonsteng, Ceil Timmer, Jennie Crum, Virginia Fulford, Wendy McCrea, Velma McElravy, and Ray Rashleigh have from 15 to 19 years of service with Boulder River School and Hospital. Congratulations to all of you for your dedicated service.

One individual has worked for Boulder for 14 years; 9 for 13 years; 6 for 12 years; 5 for 11 years; 10 for 10 years; 11 for 9 years; 25 for 8 years; 17 for 7 years; 28 for 6 years; 20 for 5 years; 35 for 4 years; 43 for 3 years; 57 for 2 years and 71 for 1 year. There are 365 employees who have been with Boulder River School and Hospital for more than one year. In addition to the employees, there are 23 medical consultants; 51 Foster Grandparents; and a Chaplain with more than one year's service.

Center For The Aged

In order to further develop the rule and function of the Center for the Aged, a new management team has been developed under the leadership of Gerald Butcher, Superintendent since November 1, 1982. This team will develop and administer policies, preview admissions and provide direction to the staff at the Center. They will also insure that the Center provides services that are consistent with the Department of Institutions and state legislative directives while complying with state and federal regulation.

Gerald Butcher was appointed Superintendent on November 1, 1982. He formerly served as the Superintendent of Eastmont Human Services Center at Glendive for several years. He is a licensed nursing home administrator and has served in a number of administrative and clinical assignments within the Department of Institutions since 1968. He is married and has four children.

Since June 1982 Anne Gagne, R.N. has served as the Nursing Services Director. Ms. Gagne, who manages the largest department at the Center, is a clinical specialist from Midland, Michigan. Anne is a diploma graduate and recipient of a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. She also earned a Master's degree in Nursing Education and Administration from the University of Detroit. Anne is divorced and has three grown children, one of whom is a physician in Bozeman, Montana. Anne will serve on the management team as Nursing Services Director with administrative duties as directed by the Superintendent. She will also coordinate the entire Staff Development Program at the Center.

The second member of the team is Nickolas Cerovski, the Director of Administrative and Fiscal Support Services. Nick has been employed at the Center since January 1, 1975. Nick holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Math. He is also a licensed nursing home administrator. He is married and has three children.

The final member of the team is Don Ackerman, the Director of Clinical Support Services since July 1982. Don is from the State of California and is a psychiatric social worker. He holds a Bachelor and Master's degree in Social Work. Don is also a licensed nursing home administrator. Don had thirteen years of mental health experience in the California mental health system prior to moving to Montana.

Eastmont Human Services Center

Acting Superintendent

Sylvia Hammer has been named Acting Superintendent to replace Gerald Butcher who became Superintendent of Center for the Aged on November 1. Sylvia has been employed at Eastmont since 1974 and was Medical Services Supervisor prior to this appointment.

New Employees

Eastmont Human Services Center recently hired two new staff members. Mr. Robert Ryan has accepted the position of Habilitation Supervisor and Mr. Gary Lyon accepted the position of Psychologist.

Mr. Ryan moved to Glendive in August from Arvada, Colorado and began employment at Eastmont on August 16, 1982. He received his Bachelors degree in American History and a minor in Psychology. He resides on Meade Avenue in Glendive with two of his four children. The remainder of his family will follow shortly.

Mr. Ryan is responsible for planning and directing the habilitation program for the developmentally disabled persons at Eastmont and sees to it that the daily needs of the residents are met.

Mr. Lyon began employment on November 10, 1982. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University where he majored in psychology, guidance and counseling. He resides on Old Highway 10 in Glendive and is single.

Mr. Lyon's main responsibility is to conduct psychological tests and publish appropriate reports for the residents at Eastmont.

We wish the best of luck to Mr. Ryan and Mr. Lyon in their new positions.

Advocacy Program

A volunteer can become the friend of a handicapped resident at Eastmont Human Services Center through a new advocacy program being set up at the Center by Carole Johnson, a social work intern. The program is a joint effort between Eastmont and Action for Eastern Montana. Volunteers need not be experienced professionals, all that is required is to spend six hours a month in a one-to-one relationship with a developmentally disabled person.

All interested individuals should contact Mark Good at Action for Eastern Montana (365-3364).

DAS

Developmental Assessment Services has relocated in the Education Building at Eastmont Human Services Center. DAS continues to provide comprehensive evaluations for pre-school and school age children. They have recently expanded their services to include developmentally disabled adults. The evaluation information, when combined with school, home training and other human service programs, can often result in constructive programming for the child or adult. To make a referral or obtain additional information about the DAS organization, call 365-6031.

Veteran's Home

The ground was broken for the fifty bed addition to the Montana Veterans' Home on October 9, 1982 with approximately 200 people in attendance. Governor Ted Schwinden said signing the bill that authorized nearly $2 million in construction funds for the project gave him a great deal of personal satisfaction. The addition will be built to nursing home standards. In addition, the present kitchen will be remodeled and fire sprinkler systems installed throughout the existing building. Governor Schwinden pointed out that there is a continuing need for nursing home care for veterans in the State of Montana given the fact that, at this time, there are approximately 9500 veterans over the age of 65 and that number will increase in the year 1990 to more than 21,000 Montana veterans over the age of 65.

Senator John Melcher was also present and pointed out the continuing commitment this country has to support, through facilities such as the Montana Veterans' Home, Montana citizens who have served honorably in the Armed Forces. Congressman Pat Williams reminded those in attendance that this project was another example of the nation's commitment to make all things whole for those men and women who have given up their time to serve their country in time of war.

Construction is scheduled to be completed sometime in December of 1984. At that time, the Montana Veterans' Home will have a capacity of 81 domiciliary members and 66 nursing home members, an increase of 10 domiciliary members and 26 nursing home members. Superintendent Pat Estenson commented that with the additional beds, the veterans' organizations throughout the state should be aware of the fact that there will be vacancies available at the Montana Veterans' Home and members are encouraged to identify service men and women who might seek admission at that time.

Other

Mutual Support Groups

The Mental Health Association in Helena held a breakfast with legislators on November 30th to discuss the Association's legislative concerns.

The AMI Group in Helena meets the second Thursday of each month. The group has been reviewing "The Caring Family" by Kayla F. Bernheim, Richard R. J. Lewine and Caroline T. Beale. This book is written for the family living with a chronically mentally ill person. It deals with understanding your feelings, guilt, anger and other emotions; understanding your relative's experience, providing a therapeutic environment; common behavior problems; family involvement in treatment; negotiating the mental health maze and understanding patients' rights.

The top priority for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is to have a large, solid, well-structured organization to carry out what is becoming an increasingly demanding program. They have developed the following five objectives for 1983: increasing the number of affiliates and members in National AMI, getting a firm financial base, creating unity among all who care about the mentally ill, developing leadership and developing vision for the future.

Ethnic Minorities

Blackfeet Reservation is participating in a research study to develop the American Indian Depression Scale. The study is yielding some very interesting results in terms of cultural variables. Flathead and Rocky Boy are participating in a research study on involuntary commitment procedures among American Indian tribes. Both studies are being conducted by the University of Oregon, Department of Psychiatry.

Federal budget cuts are on a continuing resolution until December and possibly into March. This is restricting activities for the Indian Health Service. Travel and training freezes are in effect.

Community Mental Health Centers

Eastern Montana Mental Health Center

No news items were received from Region I for this issue. I hope the old saying "no news is good news," is true.

North Central Montana Mental Health Center

A team from Region II is being sent to Warm Springs State Hospital to interview the clients from their region to determine if they could be placed into the community. Warm Springs/Galen State Hospital has been filled to capacity recently and this would relieve some of the overcrowding in the hospital.

In October, the McAuley Nursing Home in Great Falls closed down which necessitated the relocation of several clients from Region II.

Marcie Stitlner, Idaho CSP Director spent three days at the Region II program in November to learn more about the program which has been established in Great Falls. Idaho was one of the last states to receive CSP funding and are looking to Montana for some guidance.

South Central Montana Mental Health Center

On December 3, the Mental Health Association in Billings sponsored a workshop on Self-Esteem for Children. Dr. Efraim Bleiberg, from Menninger Foundation, was the featured speaker. The morning session was for parents, volunteers and the community at large. The afternoon session was designed for professionals and covered such topics as self psychology, narcissistic personality, and psychotropic medications in children.

The Neighborhood Counseling Center at 2712 Montana in Billings closed in November and the staff have been moved to the main center at 1245 North 29th Street.

Two psychologists recently joined the staff at the center. Dr. Bill Bredehoft received his training in Massachusetts and Dr. Bruce Chessen received his training in the State of Washington.

The annual public meeting was held the end of October and was a huge success with more than 150 people in attendance. The public educational topic was sexual abuse victims and featured a panel of professionals as well as abuse victims.

A legislative breakfast, sponsored by the Mental Health Association, was held in November. Several legislators were in attendance as well as county commissioners and other interested persons to become familiar with mental health issues.

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TRAINING

Wiche Conference

On October 6-8, 1982 Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) held a conference in Loveland, Colorado titled "New Training and Treatment Approaches In Caring for the CMI." The purpose of the conference was to help mental health providers and representatives of schools of psychology, social work and nursing to plan ways of providing more pre-service training to prospective mental health professionals and paraprofessionals. There were representatives from Montana, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. Those attending from Montana were Nancy Adams, Montana House; Philip Bornstein, University of Montana; Bill Elliott, Manpower Division, Department of Institutions; Dan George, Lamplighter House; Mary Honaker, Region III Mental Health Center; Kathryn Jelinek, Region II Mental Health Center; John Lynn, River House; Marty Rhea, Montana State University and Ronald Sexton, Eastern Montana College.

Volunteer Conference

Over 40 mental health personnel and interested citizens attended the "Extending Your Resources" conference in Great Falls, October 25-26, 1982. The conference focused on ways of recruiting, training, supervising and rewarding volunteers who work with the chronically mentally ill. Noel Nesbitt was the keynote speaker and facilitator. Six different models of Montana volunteer programs were presented. There was also a panel presentation by three volunteers.

Regional CSP Conference

The annual CSP Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 31 and April 1. Some funding will be available to help reimburse representatives from Montana. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Rural Conference in the Works

A committee is being formed to plan Montana's first conference dealing exclusively with the treatment of the chronically mentally ill in the rural areas. It is being sponsored by the Montana Mental Health Manpower Program and will be held this spring.

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION	SPONSORS
Dec. 2-3	Effective Supervision & Management Buck Ashby — Fee $245	Helena Coach House East	Ashby College 602-991-7777
Dec. 3	Adolescent Self-Esteem Ephraim Blaiberg, M.D., Menninger Foundation	Billings	Jane Winegardner 259-2156
Dec. 4-5	Strategic Therapy — Jay Haley Fee $150.00	Detroit	Fam. Therapy Inst. 301-951-0335
Dec. 6-7	Seminar on Human Sexuality — Masters & Johnson Fee $160.00	Los Angeles	Masters & Johnson Institute 314-361-2377
Dec. 8-9	Children of Changing Families: A workshop for Counselors & Helping Professionals	Billings	Off. of Pub. Instruct. Depts of Health, SRS Institutions — Don Moore 449-3964
Jan. 5-6	Children of Changing Families: A workshop for Counselors & Helping Professionals	Bozeman	OSPI, Depts. of Health, Institutions, SRS Contact: Don Moore 449-3964
Dec. 19-20	Children of Changing Families: A workshop for Counselors & Helping Professionals	Glendive	Off. of Pub. Instruct. Depts of Health, SRS Institutions — Don Moore 449-3964
Jan. 25-26	Understanding & Managing Human Behavior Janet Dybdal, Terry O'Neil Fee $75.00	Helena	Inspiro 443-4401
Jan. 26-27	Seminar for Executive Secretaries Fee $75.00	Helena	Inspiro 443-4401
Jan. 27-30	A General System Approach to Family Therapy $300.00	New York	Ackerman Institute 212-879-4900
Jan. 27-Feb. 1	Institute on Addictions	Clearwater Beach, Florida	Institute for Integral Development 303-634-7943 Dave Barmettler
Mar. 9-12	Natl. Council of CMHCs Annual Meeting	Detroit	NCCMHC 2233 Wisc. Ave., NW Washington, D.C.

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From The Field

Southwest Montana Mental Health Center

The Regional Office in Helena moved July 1, 1982 from 801 North Last Chance Gulch to Airport Way, Building West, Suite A, 1300 Cedar Street. A new psychiatrist, Dr George Cloutier, from Maine joined the staff at the center in November. Other staff vacancies have also been filled which have been helpful to the center.

The clinical office in Butte has moved from St. James Hospital to St. James East.

Silver House (formerly Montana House) in Butte has moved to new and larger accommodations in the same building. This will increase the accessibility of the program and make it much more functional. Silver House is sponsoring a bowling tournament at the Winter Gardens in Butte on December 3. Missoula, Butte, Helena and Great Falls have been invited to make up 5-person teams. Awards will be given for the first, second, third and fourth place teams, the highest individual average and everyone who participates will receive an achievement award.

Montana House in Helena has doubled their space. They now occupy two store fronts — one of which houses the thrift shop and the other the activties program.

Western Montana Mental Health Center

Missoula County legislators and the commissioners were briefed on mental health issues as a breakfast meeting on November 16. The training session was co-sponsored by the Missoula County Mental Health Association, Mental Health Center Advisory Committee, New Beginnings, and Zonta International. Specific areas addressed by the five speakers dealt with mandatory insurance for mental health, social work licensure, increased funding for mental health centers, absence of children's services in Western Montana and the state/center fee-for-service program. Response was felt to be excellent

Wilson A. "Bill" Burley, Lake County Commissioner, has been honored by the Region V Mental Health Center Board for fourteen years of service to the mental health center after helping draft the original federal application which got the center started. Bill has served on the Board since January 1971.

Region V staff have been concerned about the increasing number of admissions to Warm Springs/Galen State Hospital. Upon examination of how those increases have taken place, it is the impression of the center staff that the major cause is the economy. With the cutbacks in Federal SSI payments, local area agencies have had to assume most of the financial load.

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